

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Weinstein for discussing the present application with attorney Marc Gorayeb during a telephonic interview on May 4, 2009. Applicants had requested an interview in light of an indication of allowable claims in the Office Action of November 13, 2008. Applicants are in receipt of the Examiner's Interview Summary dated May 8, 2009. The subject of the interview generally involved discussing amendments to the claims that would place the application in condition for allowance, both in view of the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action, and in view of the rejections of claims 1, 9, 16, 23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In claim 1, for example, it was agreed that the §112 rejection could be overcome by reciting that each pump is configured to operate a membrane pump cassette, and that each membrane pump cassette is for coupling with one of a plurality of pumps. Also discussed was a proposal by the Applicants to cancel claims 8, 15, 18 and 25, and incorporate some of their subject matter into independent claims 1, 9, 16 and 23, respectively. It was agreed that it would be acceptable to substitute the term 'multi-port coupling' for the term 'four-port coupling.' The Examiner was also advised that additional amendments would be made to some of the remaining dependent claims. It was understood that a final determination of the allowability of claims would be made only after review by the Examiner of the amendments submitted herein.